

THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

SITUATION IS AGAIN ACUTE

March 27, 1915.

French captured summit of Hartmannswillerkopf.

Violent fighting in the Carpathians.

Austrians made gains in Bukowina.

U. S. battleship Alabama sent to Norfolk to keep Prinz Eitel Friedrich from leaving.

German aviators dropped bombs on Calais and Dunkirk.

March 28, 1915.

Russians broke into Hungary and attacked Lukow and Uzok passes.

British liner Falaba sunk by German submarine; 110 lost.

British steamer Agilia torpedoed by Germans; 26 lost.

Russians bombed Bosporus forts and allies shelled Dardanelles forts.

More air bombs dropped on Calais.

March 29, 1915.

French pressed Germans hard in Champagne.

Germans again shelled Reims.

Austrians made gains at several points.

Dutch steamer Amstel blown up by mine.

Attack on Bosporus and Dardanelles continued.

German Baltic fleet out.

March 30, 1915.

Russians stormed mountain nests in Carpathians.

Austrians began big drive across Lukowina.

Turkish seaplane dropped bombs on British warship near Dardanelles.

Turkish government promised to protect Christians at Urumiah.

March 31, 1915.

Germans bombarded Libau.

Russians fought way down slope of Carpathians into Hungary.

German army corps cut to pieces in North Poland.

British steamers Flaminian and Crown of Castle sunk by submarines.

German soldiers near Thourout, Belgium, killed by bombs from aeroplanes.

German airmen raided Ostrolienka, Russia.

King George gave up liquor in royal household.

April 1, 1915.

French occupied Fey-en-Haye.

Russians began lively offensive in Central Poland, but were repulsed by Austrians near Inowrodek on the Pilica.

Germans checked Russians at Rawka river.

British took Aus, German West Africa.

British vessels and airmen shelled Zeebrugge and Hoboken.

German submarines sank a British and a French steamer; 30 lost.

April 2, 1915.

Heavy artillery fighting between the Meuse and Moselle.

Russians took offensive along entire front.

Moorish rebels occupied Fez and Meknes.

German submarines destroyed several vessels.

Allied aviators made numerous raids on Germans on west front.

American sanitary experts sailed to fight typhus in Serbia.

INTERESTING BITS

New discoveries of petroleum have been made in Argentina.

In Sumatra the horn of the rhinoceros is esteemed as a cure for poison, and for that reason is made into drinking cups.

London's exports to the United States for November were more than \$14,574,000, as against less than \$12,000,000 for October.

Gold-mining companies in South Africa are experimenting with blasting by electricity with a view to minimizing the fine dust, which is regarded as the chief cause of miners' phthisis.

In Serbia every grown man can claim five acres of land from the government, which is exempt from all claims of debt.

A Philadelphia surgeon is combating diseases peculiar to certain races by transfusing to patients blood from members of other races that seem immune to the maladies.

A miner lowered into a subterranean cavern opened by a miner's blast at Volcano, Nev., some time ago, was unable to discover the ends of the fissure. Stones dropped through the wall to wall, but there was no sound indicating that they reached the bottom. Sparkling stalactites on the sides of the cavern were revealed by lights lowered through the opening.

The Mississippi river carries more than 1,000,000 tons of material to the Gulf of Mexico every day.

For Oiling Shafts.

There is danger in the oiling of shafts. Even though the machinery is stopped, someone is likely to start it before the worker is through with his task. This element of danger is removed through the invention of an oiler, which may be used while the worker stands on the floor, thus obviating the necessity of going among running belts, pulleys and shafts, possibly on a rickety ladder.

TALK REVIVED OF BREAKING OFF RELATIONS WITH GERMANY.

AWAITING DEFINITE FACTS

Situation Is Outlined—President May Present All Facts To Congress and Say Time For Action Has Come.

Washington.—Germany will be held responsible if it shall be proved that the Channel liner Sussex and the steamer Englishman were torpedoed and did not strike floating mines.

This was made very plain at the State Department, where it was explained by Secretary of State Lansing that only German submarines have been operating in the waters of the Channel and about the British Isles.

The question under investigation is whether it actually was a submarine that attacked the Sussex and the Englishman. If it shall be conclusively demonstrated that it was, then the United States promptly will hold Germany to account.

Even if it develops that all Americans were saved, it will not alter the gravity of the situation, inasmuch as the United States holds that no nation has the right in international or humane law to kill or endanger Americans through unwarned submarine attack.

Up to the present this Government has no conclusive proof whether a torpedo or a floating mine was responsible. The bulk of the evidence points to a torpedo in each instance. But so far it is inconclusive.

Torpedo Fragment Found.

As an instance, it was pointed out that while a French naval officer at Boulogne told the American consular representative that a portion of a demolished torpedo had been recovered from the damaged Sussex, so far as this Government is concerned. This portion of a torpedo is said to be similar to that reported recovered from the sunken Dutch liner *Tubantia*.

President Wilson is very seriously concerned over the present situation. If it is proved that submarines again are attacking merchant vessels without warning—and the preponderance of evidence obtainable through diplomatic and unofficial sources seems completely to demonstrate this—it is unlikely that there will be any further diplomatic negotiations on the subject. Instead the President will present all of the facts in the case to Congress and announce that in his opinion the time has come for definite action.

LATEST U-BOATS OF HIGH SPEED.

CAN TAKE CREWS OF ORDINARY SHIPS ABOARD, SAY PAPER.

Copenhagen.—According to the Danish newspaper Politiken, the latest type of German submarines are so large that they can take aboard the crews of ordinary merchant ships which they sink. Politiken states that the submarine which recently sank the Norwegian steamship *Lindfield* carried a crew of 80 and was capable of very great speed. This submarine, says the newspaper, took the *Lindfield's* crew of 30 on board and carried them for four days, finally trans-shipping them to Norway.

WANTS WARSHIPS, NOT SEEDS.

Farmer Shows Feeling Of People On Preparedness.

Washington.—Another indication of how the country feels on the subject of preparedness is seen in the reply of an Ohio farmer to his Representative in Congress asking whether or not he wanted any of the Government's free vegetable and flower seeds.

The farmer addressed a postal card on which was written in large, bold letters:

"Cut out this graft—we want battle-ships, not seeds."

"TOM" PENCE DEAD.

He Was Secretary Of The Democratic National Committee.

Washington.—Thomas J. Pence, secretary of the Democratic National Committee, died at his home, here, following a lingering illness, due to complications. Pence was stricken with pneumonia early in January and for two months was confined in the hospital. A week ago specialists despaired of his recovery.

TAGGART SWORN IN AS SENATOR.

Most Of Indiana Delegation Present At Ceremony.

Washington.—Thomas Taggart, Democratic National Committeeman from Indiana, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Shively, took the oath of office. It was administered by Vice-President Marshall and most of the Indiana Representatives were on the Senate floor during the ceremony.

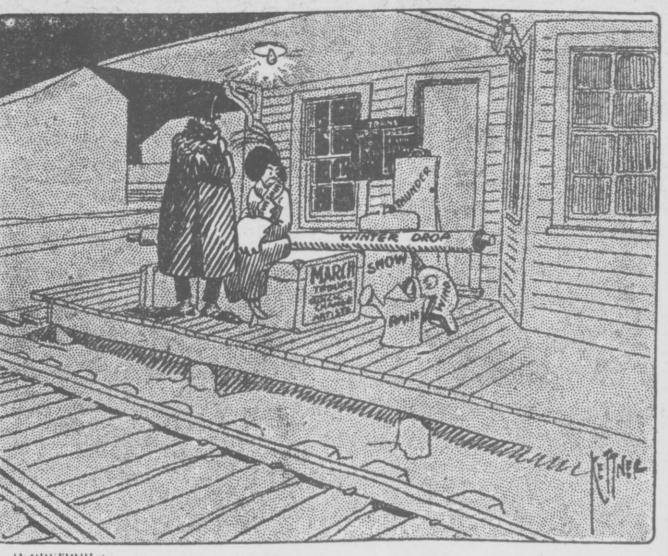
SOLDIERS WEAR SAND MASKS.

Those In Mexican Campaign Adopt Colorful Protection.

Washington.—The sand mask is the latest in military dress.

The Mexican campaign through a desert land mothered this invention, which is gay and colorful, not monstrous, like the gas masks of Europe. In fact, all there is to a sand mask is a handkerchief pulled up over the mouth and nose, in bandit style. Red bandannas are much worn.

LEAVING ON THE MIDNIGHT TRAIN



GENERAL PERSHING NEAR VILLA'S BAND

Cavalry Likely in Contact With Outlaw.

WINDS BALK AVIATORS

Supply Problem Is Growing Acute Sheriff At El Paso Asks For Militia To Guard the Border.

San Antonio, Texas.—Gen. John Pershing, commanding the punitive expedition into Mexico, reported by wireless to Major-General Funston that two columns of American cavalry had arrived in the vicinity of Namiquipa, 120 miles southeast of Casas Grandes.

Pancho Villa was last reported in this vicinity and advices from Carranzistas sources had stated that the Americans and Carranzistas were in contact with Villa's band here.

Deciphering Message.

General Pershing's report made no mention of sighting Villa. There is, however, still possibility of official confirmation of the reported clash.

Winds Balk Aviators.

General Pershing states that the high winds and dust storms had made airplane communication impossible.

The General stated that if railway communication sufficient to supply his troops was not soon made available he would need more motortrucks.

Militia Wanted At El Paso.

El Paso, Texas.—Evidences of the seriousness with which the local authorities regard the border situation was supplied in an announcement by Sheriff Peyton James Edwards that he had telegraphed Governor James E. Ferguson that he believed the Texas National Guard troops should be sent to the frontier.

Sheriff Edwards said he "did not wish to be considered an alarmist," but that developments in Mexico convinced him that additional protection was needed for Americans along the border.

French Position Dangerous.

By battering through the French lines in Avocourt wood the Crown Prince bent the French front in a shape of a dangerous loop. The neck of this loop is less than four miles wide.

German artillery posted on the ridge near Dead Man Hill, on the northeast side, is sweeping the four miles of wooded plain with a heavy fire. On the southwest side Bavarian regiments are striving to cut through the intervening four miles, cutting off French forces holding Bethincourt and Malancourt.

Disputes from Berlin declared the French were in an extremely precarious position.

Savage Fighting In Russia.

Savage fighting is going on at Jacobstadt, 80 miles southeast of Riga, where the Russians, using liquid fire and gas bombs, are battering in the German salient.

At the same time the Slavs are attacking vigorously at Friederichstadt. General Kropotkin's aim apparently is to squeeze Von Hindenburg out of this important salient by threats of envelopment, forcing the retirement of the whole German line from Riga to Dvinsk, on a front of 140 miles.

Details of the operations about Namiquipa that concluded with the escape of Villa were not revealed, but there is little reason to believe that he was badly whipped or even weakened by the fighting directed against him by the de facto government troops.

Unless fresh Mexican forces are sent to meet Villa there appears no reason why he should not make his way uninterrupted into the mountains of the Guerrero district, toward which he is moving.

In the fighting in this region French prisoners now total 881.

Violent Russian attacks continued yesterday and last night southeast of Riga and in the region of Dvinsk. All the Russian assaults, however, broke down under German fire.

TO STOP FAKE STORIES.

New El Paso Law Provides Fine For False Reports.

El Paso, Texas.—The city council of El Paso, Texas, passed an ordinance providing that correspondents sending out matter "calculated to injure the general business or reputation of El Paso and known to be false" shall be fined from \$25 to \$200. Mayor Lea said the ordinance was prompted by the circulation of reports that a state of anarchy existed here. As a matter of fact, El Paso is peaceful and as busy with the ordinary enterprises as any city in the land," he said.

WHY HE NEEDS RAISE.

Teamster Asks For It When Quadruplets Are Born.

Media, Pa.—William Pasco, a teamster, applied for a raise in pay from his employer. He gave as his reason the birth of quadruplets at his home. Three girls and a boy were born during the night and all are doing well. Twin boys were born to Mrs. Pasco 18 months ago.

RESCUED FROM GYPSY BAND.

Ciril of 15 Says She Was Affianced To One Of The Nomads.

Clarksburg, W. Va.—Rescued by ministers and police from a gypsy band that has been quartered here all winter, Annie Afwancijo, a 15-year-old Brazilian girl of Chicago, is on her way to that city. The girl said that she had been kept a prisoner under threats of death and that she had been affianced to one of the gypsies.

\$50,000 FOR VILLA'S BODY.

Resolution To Pay For Capture Offered In Senate.

Washington.—A resolution authorizing the Government to offer a reward of \$50,000 for the "body of Francisco Villa" was introduced in the House by Representative Scott, of Pennsylvania. It stipulated that the body of the bandit was to be turned over to the military authorities. The resolution was referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee.

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE

Annapolis—

Senator Chesley introduced a bill which is intended to facilitate the work of the legislature by making possible an early organization. The measure provides that within 30 days of the constitutional time for the meeting of the legislature and not less than 10 days before the first Wednesday in January in every legislative year the members of the majority party shall meet in Annapolis, or in a more convenient place, and in a caucus shall elect their presiding officer and desk officers and appoint such committees as shall enable the General Assembly at its first meeting to at once carry on the legislative business of the state without the usual delays.

Natural Gas.

Arthur D. Foster, representing the Columbia Gas and Electric Company, appeared before the Senate Corporations Committee in behalf of the bill introduced by Senator Ogden, giving natural gas companies the same privilege of condemnation for the construction of pipe lines and appurtenances as are enjoyed by other public service corporations. The committee received his plea favorably, and it is quite likely that the bill will be reported favorably.

Censorship Bill Passes.

Mr. Bryant's bill to establish a state board of moving-picture censors came up on its third reading in the House under special order. Mr. Willink led the fight against the bill, declaring an overwhelming sentiment existing in the state against a movie censorship. Mr. Hall attempted to secure an adjournment, but the House voted him down. He then moved to have the bill go over, but the House was determined to reach a decision on censorship. Majority Floor Leader Bryant took up the argument where Mr. Hall had interrupted it.

Upon rollcall the bill was passed by 55 votes to 25.

County Treasurers.

Two bills of interest to Baltimore county were introduced by Senator Allen. One of those lowers the salary of the county treasurer from \$2,500 to \$1,800. His commission is to be 1 per cent. on the State taxes, but this must not exceed \$1,800, and this will receive in addition to his salary. All fees and commissions in excess of the amount shall be held by him as part of the funds of the county. For clerk here he is allowed \$4,500, or \$6,00 more than is now paid.

A second bill repeals the act passed in 1914, which released all of the county treasurers who held the office since 1878 for all claims the State might have against them for sums withheld in excess of the amounts fixed by law.

The preamble in the bill sets forth that these treasurers failed to disclose the fees and commissions withheld; that in their pleas of confession and avoidance the element of guilty confession predominated to an extent that warranted a demand for more information.

Child Labor Law.

Delegate Emmet White is much exercised over reports which are being circulated in reference to his bill amending the child labor laws. Mr. White says:

"My bill, among other things, provides an eight-hour day and prohibits work after 7 P. M. for children under 16 in nearly all industries, except canning and farm work. This is the

HOME

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A Story of Today and of All Days

SYNOPSIS.

Alan Wayne is sent away from Red Hill, his home, by his uncle, J. Y., as a moral failure. Clem runs after him in a tangle of short skirts until he gives in to the pain. When Alan is at the falling of the Waynes, Clem drinks Alan's health on his birthday. Judge Healey buys a picture for Alix Lansing. The judge is friends with the man with whom Alan and Alix meet at sea, homeward bound, and start a flirtation which becomes serious. At last, Nellie Sibley, who Alan has gone away from, Alix is taken to task by Gerry, her husband, for her conduct with Alan and defuses him. Gerry, as he thinks, sees through her. She goes to see everything, and goes to Pernambuco. Alix leaves Alan on the train and goes home to find that Gerry has disappeared. She leaves for Africa, and goes to Piranhas. On a canoe trip he meets a native girl. The judge fails to trace Gerry. A baby is born to Alix. The native girl takes Gerry to her home.

CHAPTER X.—Continued.

She pointed to the house and then to herself and smiled. He understood the pantomime and nodded. When they reached the house a withered and wrinkled little woman came out to the arched veranda to meet them. She looked Gerry over shrewdly and then held out her hand. He shook it listlessly. They walked through a long dividing hall. On each side were large rooms, empty, save one where a big bed, a wash-stand, and an old bureau with micaed glass, were grouped like an oasis in a desert. They reached the kitchen. It was evidently the living room of the house. A hammock cut off one corner. Chairs were drawn up to a rough, uncovered table. A stove was built into the masonry and a cavernous oven gaped from the massive wall.

At the stove was an old negro, making coffee with shaky deliberation. On the floor sat an old darky clad only from his waist down in such trunks as Gerry was wearing, except that they were soiled and tattered. He looked up and fastened his eyes on Gerry and then struggled to his feet. Dim recollections of some by-gone white master brought a gleam into his weary eyes. He raised his hand in the national gesture of child to parent, slave to master. "Blessing, master, blessing," Gerry had learned the meaning of the quaint custom. "God bless thee," he answered in badly jumbled Portuguese. The girl and the wrinkled woman looked at him, surprised, and then smiled at each other as women smile at the first steps of a child.

They made him sit down at the table and placed before him crisp rusks of manioc flour and steaming coffee whose splendid aroma triumphed over the sordidness of the scene and through the nostrils reached the palate with anticipatory touch. It was sweetened with dark, pungent syrup and was served black in a capacious bowl, as though one could not drink too deeply of the elixir of life.

Gerry decided. He looked at the girl and she ran to him. He put his arms around her and gazed with a sort of numbed emotion into her great dark eyes. Those eyes were wells of simplicity, love, fidelity, but below all that there were depths unmeasured and unmeasuring that gave all and demanded all.

In the mind of the husband who believed himself deserted and betrayed there no longer existed any barrier between him and this woman who had come so strangely into his life. Marriage with her was no wrong to Alix. The last scruples of civilization and of law fell from him like a garment thrown aside and he became the husband of the girl who had so innocently wooed him.

CHAPTER XI

Collingford gave a sigh of relief when he saw what manner of place was Maple House. As they gathered around the great table for dinner he was the only stranger and he did not feel it. Nance was there with the faint smile of a mother that has just put her children to bed. Charley Stirling, teasing Clematis, tried to forget that Monday and the city were coming together. Mrs. J. Y., with Collingford on her right and the judge on her left, held quiet sway over the table and nodded reassuringly at the old captain who was making gestures with his eyes to the effect that a whisky and soda should be immediately offered to the guest. J. Y., pretty gray by now, sat thoughtful, but kindly, at the other end of the table. Clem was beside him.

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Gerry felt a twinge of remorse. He patted the hand that lay on his arm, smiled, and took the cigarette. The girl's face lit up. She called and again the negro brought fire. This time Gerry smoked gravely. The girl sat on beside him. Her hand lay in his.

So they sat until the sun passed the zenith and, slipping over the eaves, fell like fire on their bare feet. Gerry stood up, pointed to himself and then down the river to the town. The girl shook her head. She made him understand that he was cut off from the town by an impassable tributary to the great river—that he would have to make a long detour inland. Then she swept her hand from the sun to the horizon to show him that the day was too far gone for the journey.

He was not much concerned. An apathy seized him at the thought of going back. He felt as though shame had left some visible seat on his countenance that men must see and read. As he stood, thoughtful and detached,

the girl grasped his arm with both her hands and drew his attention to her. Then she gave one sweep of her arm that embraced all the ruin of house and mill and fields. She pointed to herself. He understood: these things were hers. Then she folded her hands and with a gesture of surrender tilted them in his.

It was eloquent. There was no mistaking her meaning. Gerry was touched. He held both her clasped hands in one of his and put his arm around her shoulders. She fixed her eyes on his face for the answer. Once more Gerry's eyes wandered over all that ruin. After all, he thought, why not? Why not bury his own ruin here in company? But she read no decision in his face though she watched it long. What she saw was debate and for the time it satisfied all.

Gerry all that afternoon was very silent and thoughtful—silent because there was no one he could talk to, thoughtful because the idea the girl had put into his head was taking shape, aided by a long chain of circumstances. He looked back over his cumbered trail. If he had been some shrewd fugitive from justice he could not have planned it better. His sudden flight without visiting his home, his failure to buy a ticket, the subordination of the purser with its assurance of silence as to his presence or destination, all that had been wiped out by his cablegram to his mother. But then fate had stepped in again and once more blotted out the trail. Some genius had heard his wish. The old Gerry Lansing was dead. Even from himself the old Gerry Lansing had been torn away in a chariot of fire.

In the cool of the evening he looked about him. The tiny world into which he had fallen was penurious but self-contained. Such fabrics as there were were homespun from the bolls of a scraggly patch of cotton bushes. A little oil in a clay dish with a twisted wick of cotton giving forth more smoke than light seemed to fix him in his setting of prehistoric man. The rice, gathered from an enduring bottom, formed with manioc, the backbone of the household's sustenance. From the outcrop of the abandoned cane fields, with the assistance of an antediluvian hand-mill and an equally antiquated iron pot, they made the black syrup that served for sugar. Salt, slightly alkaline, was plentiful. A few cows, and their progeny lived in the open and lived well, for, even untilled, the lands of the valley were rich. An occasional member of the herd was carried off to market by the old darky. The proceeds bought the very few contributions of civilization necessary to the upkeep of the leper life.

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"El! What?" said the captain aroused to sudden interest. "What's that about Alan?"

"I ran across Alan Wayne in Africa," said Collingford, smiling. "Do you want me to tell you about it?"

Nance called Charley Stirling out. "You shirk," she said, "come and sit with me in the hammock."

"Suppose we offer him a drink," I said and ran the sweat off my eye-brows with my finger.

Collingford looked at me pityingly. "So you want to get burned again. Does that mean to you as though he was thinking about a drink? Well, let me tell you he isn't. Every bit of him is thinking about that bridge every minute. God! I haven't seen men driven like that since I was a boy. Once more there's something new in Africa! And I've never seen a man drive himself like that, anywhere!"

"Yes," grunted the captain in reply to Collingford's question and J. Y. nodded as he caught the young man's eye. "Wish you would," he said and leaned forward, his elbows on the table.

Collingford was one of those men who are sensitive to men. His vocabulary did not run to piffle but he loved an understanding ear. He looked at the judge's keen but resentful face, at the captain's glaring eyes, which somehow had assumed a kindly glint, at

the girl's rugged figure, suddenly grown tense, and he knew that Alan Wayne was near to the hearts of these three. He fingered his wine glass. "If I was one of those men," he began, looking at nobody, "who dislike Ten Percent Wayne I wouldn't tell you about him. But I'm not. It took me only two hours to get over hating him and those two hours were spent in a broiling at the wrong end of a half-finised bridge."

"Prince Bodsky and I were on shikar. We were headed home after a long and unsuccessful shoot in new country and we were as sore and tired and bored with the life of the wild as two old-timers ever get. On the day I'm telling you about we were trekking up a river gorge to a crossing. After lunch and the long rest we still had ten miles to go to cross and it didn't help things to know that once over we had to come straight back on the other side. During the first hour's march in the afternoon we heard the strangest sound that ever those wilds gave forth. It was like hammering on steel but we refused to believe our ears until a sudden curve brought us bang up against the indisputable fact of a girder-bridge in the throes of construction. Before the bridge was completed the girder-bridge was broken. The stem of Collingford's wine glass snapped between his fingers. "I'm sorry," he said, laying the pieces aside. He snuffed a little nervously on the three tense faces before him. "I don't tell that story often. It goes too deep. Not everybody understands. Some people call Wayne no better than a murderer; but I'm not one of them. And Bodsky says there have been a lot of murderers he'd like to take to his club."

"J. Y., there's somebody listening at the door," said the captain. "Been there some time."

J. Y. swung around and threw open the door. He sprang forward and caught Clem in the act of night. He brought her back into the room and sat down, holding her upright beside him. J. Y. was proud and for a moment Collingford's presence galled him. "What were you doing, Clem?" he asked.

Clematis was in that degree of embarrassment and disarray which makes lovely youth a shade more lovely. Her brown hair was tumbled about her face and down her back. Her cheeks were flushed and her thin white neck seemed to tremble above the deep red of her slightly yoked frock. Her lips were moist and parted in excitement. She was sixteen and beautiful beyond the reach of hackneyed phrases. The four men fixed their eyes upon her, and she dropped hers. "I was eavesdropping," she said in a voice that was very low but clear.

"Why, Clem!" said J. Y. gravely. Clem looked around on the four men. She did not seem afraid. Unconscious they waited for her to go on, and she did. "Mr. Collingford was telling about Alan. I heard Charlie say he was going to. I shall always eavesdrop when anyone tells about Alan."

For a second her auditors were stunned by the audacity. Collingford's face was the first to light up and his hand came down on the table with a bang. "Bully for you, young 'un!" he cried and his clear laugh could be heard on the lawn. Before it was over, the judge joined in the captain grunted his merriest grunt and J. Y. patted Clem's shoulder and smiled.

Clem was of the salt of the earth among womankind—the kind that waits to weep till the battle is over and then becomes a thousand times more dear in her weakness. Her big eyes had been weeping with tears and now they jumped the barriere just as Nance rushed in and cried, "What are you all laughing at?" Then she caught sight of Clem. From her she looked around on the men. "You four big hulking brutes," she said. "Come to me, Clem, you darling. What have they been doing to you? There, there, don't cry. Men are silly things. What if they did laugh at you?"

Clem was sobbing on Nance's shoulder. "It isn't that," she gasped. "I don't—mind—that! But Mr. Collingford ca-called me a 'young 'un'." The three gray-heads kept their faces with difficulty. Collingford leaped to his feet. "My dear young lady—Miss Clematis—" he stammered. "My word, now! I didn't mean it. I swear I didn't. I'll do anything if you'll only stop crying. Do stop and listen to me. I'll grovel."

It took him an hour to make his peace.

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Many they were who drank at the fountain of hospitality in Maple House and to all, quiet Mrs. J. Y. held out the measured cup of welcome with impartial hand. But once in a while one came who made the rare appeal to laugher. "Look here, Bodsky," I said, "let's walk to the old crossing." And he answered, "My dear chap, I'm going to sit right here, I wouldn't miss this for a shot at elephant. That moment and then he looked me square in the eyes. "We knock off at six," he said, and that was all.

"I turned back. I'd been angry before but never as angry as that. Bodsky was already getting up the fly of a tent. "I saw it coming," he said with his quiet little laugh that you never hear when there's anything to laugh at. "Look here, Bodsky," I said, "let's walk to the old crossing."

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"The white man had stopped and half turned. He stood, a little straddling, on the girder, and switched the sjambok to and fro. His eyes were blazing. From his lips dropped a patter of all the vile words in Landin, Swahili and a half dozen other dialects—the words that a white man learns first if he listens to natives. The jargon seemed to incite the blacks. They worked as clumsily as ever but harder. They started to sing, as the African does when he's getting up a special burst of speed. Then the white man walked off the girder on his brother in pain. And then they fell to work again. The black with the blood trickling off his back rested long enough to get his breath and then climbed back to his place on the girder. He was grinning. Don't ask me to explain it. Men have died trying to explain Africa."

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STATE AND PENINSULA

Greenwood dedicated its new high school Wednesday.

A pool tournament is in progress at the Kent Club for the amateur pool championship of Dover.

The Susquehanna River is free of ice, and fishermen are preparing for the annual run of shad and herring.

A meeting was held in Elkton, Wednesday evening, to arrange for another county fair to be held in Elkton this fall.

Daniel Slaughter, a white man, was found dead in bed at his home in Whitehall Neck, near Dover, last Sunday morning.

Wilmington Lodge, Shield of Honor, Sunday afternoon, held memorial services for members who had died in the past year.

J. A. Crothers, a former student at Cecil County High School, Elkton, has been elected President of the Student Council of Delaware College.

Both the American Vulcanized Fibre Mills and the Continental Fibre Mills, of Newark, are working overtime to keep up with increased orders.

Edward Hall Downes, a Dover young man, on Thursday was appointed to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, on recommendation of Senator Henry A. duPont.

An exploding can of baked beans scalded Harry Conway, a clerk in a Georgetown store, seriously, the explosion throwing the whole mass into his eyes and over his face.

Stuart W. Brady, of Washington, has been appointed publicity agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with headquarters in Wilmington, to succeed the late Jonathan W. Aydon.

Republicans of White Clay Creek hundred, at Newark, Monday night, selected Dr. Arthur T. Neale, Charles L. Medill and Charles Palmer Dickey delegates to the State Convention at Dover.

Bridgeville jumped into the political limelight, Thursday night, when it organized the first political club of this year's campaign, the Republican League with 72 members, and William E. Dimes president.

The eighty-eighth session of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church will be held in West Baltimore Church, Gilmore street and Lafayette Avenue, Baltimore, from April 5 to April 12.

Plans are being made for the establishment of motor truck lines for the transportation of milk from the upper section of Cecil county, Md., to the city markets. The plan is to collect milk from central points and take it direct to the city markets.

The second quarterly distribution for 1916 of the public school tax, together with the apportionments of the school book fund and for accredited High Schools of the State of Maryland, were announced on the 15th inst. by State Comptroller McMullen.

The graduating class of the Cecil Co. High School Elkton, will make a trip to Washington on April 14. Sixteen members compose the class. The officers are: President, Hasson T. Terrell; vice-president, Charles Trimble; secretary, Miss Anna M. Ash, and treasurer, John F. Work.

Elaborate arrangements are being made under the directions of the department of English of Delaware College, and the Women's College, for the Shakespeare festival to be held April 28 and 29, in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the death of Shakespeare.

At an adjourned session of the Kent County Court of General sessions, Tuesday, Deputy Attorney-General John B. Hutton entered a nolle prosequi in the case of the State vs. Frank H. Thomas, a well-known fruit broker of Wyoming, who was indicted two terms ago on a charge of embezzlement.

Harry J. Wiggins, a brother of Homer C. Wiggins, the desperado shot at a revolver battle with police at a rooming house, in Wilmington, some two years ago, was Monday in the city courts fined \$50 and costs and sent to the house for six months for carrying a razor, and \$10 and costs for disorderly conduct.

As a part of the reorganization plans of the State College for Colored Students, Dean Harry Hayward, of the Agricultural Department of Delaware College, and John B. Hutton of Dover, a special committee, have recommended the election of J. R. E. Lee, of Kansas City, as president of the institution to succeed Dr. W. C. Jason.

With his lower jaw blown off, the result of a gunshot wound, and disfigured almost beyond recognition, John R. Cordrey, aged 51 years, a prominent farmer, of near Laurel, walked to the home of Jasper Oliphant, a distance of nearly a mile, Saturday. Mr. Cordrey had taken his gun with him to the woods, and it is supposed he was injured by the accidental discharge of the weapon.

Thursday marked the last of the oyster dredging season in the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries in the State of Maryland. For the last few days before the closing day the dredging fleet carried last catches for the season to Baltimore. While dredges will cease their operations, tongers will continue to work until April 25, which is the last day of the season in which oysters can be taken by any process.

Egg Laying Competition

The Egg Laying Competition now running at Newark, Delaware, was started four years ago last November at Storrs, Connecticut, and a year ago last November, was brought to Delaware. In recognition of the aid given the competition by Hon. O. A. Newton of Bridgeville, he has been made chairman of the advisory board. In addition to being an extensive breeder of White Rocks and White Leghorns, Mr. Newton became an entrant in the fourth and fifth competition, his interest in poultry culture inducing him to support the highly constructive movement brought about through these widely exploited annual international affairs, and which have carried Delaware to the forefront as the creator of the greatest egg record ever made by a hen, 314 eggs in 365 days.

The competition and the people of Delaware are fortunate in having Mr. Newton so closely identified with a movement which means so much to poultry culture in general and Delaware in particular.

Mrs. Anna Ruthven has been elected president of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Delaware.

Plans are under way to have Billy Sunday conduct services at Elkton during his stay in Baltimore.

New Castle Red Men initiated a class of six palefaces Monday evening, making 30 within less than three months.

The salary of the Mayor, of Chicago, is said to be larger than the salary of the mayor of any other American city.

The steamer Frederica, which has been in winter quarters, has resumed the plug supplying the current for electric light.

The Apple as Medicine.

A modern scoffer has recently asked whether it would be possible that Eve yielded to the serpent because he told her that apples were good for the complexion.

Whether this argument was needed or not, there is no question that it is a true one. Nothing in all our varied and fascinating range of fruits holds quite the same quality as the apple. A raw, ripe apple at its best is digested in 35 minutes, and the malic acid which gives it its distinctive character stimulates the liver, assists digestion and neutralizes much noxious matter which, if not eliminated, produces eruptions of the skin.

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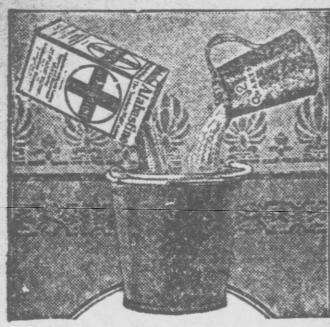
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LATE FRENCH MODELS

DESIGNERS HAVE SENT OVER MANY PRETTY THINGS.

New Coats Have Touches That Give Them Distinction—Soft Broadcloth May Be Brought Back Into Fashion.

The new coats which have arrived here seem to indicate that a number of the designers have taken up the idea of fastening the coat at the collarbone and at the waist line. When the coat is single-breasted the blouse usually shows through the opening, which naturally occurs between the two widely spaced buttons. If a woman does not like this, however, it is better to give enough width to the under front piece to hide the blouse.

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Much Ribbon on Millinery

In spite of the fact that so many flowers were seen in the first straw hats worn in the late winter, both in Paris and in this country, ribbon is taking a more and more important place in the season's millinery trimming.

Many of the new hats are almost entirely covered with ribbon. Stiff ribbon is laced and used to cover crown and brim, ribbon about an inch wide.

Sometimes the crown is covered with bands of ribbon, all crossing at the center. The stiff, twilled ribbon is used for this purpose, too.

Then there are the bands of ribbon with tailored bow at the side, sometimes forming the only trimming of sailor shapes, sometimes used in combination with a feather fancy at one side.

A charming hat is of black straw, with small bow knots of very narrow picot-edged electric blue ribbon fastened flat against the crown, all around it. The ends of the bows hang on the brim.

Pastel colors in ribbons are used for hats to wear with thin summer frocks. They are sometimes made into big wired bows which perch jauntily at the back or side of the hat, sometimes narrow ribbons are used.

Narrow ribbon is run through buckles, too, which adds to its trimming quality. Small bone buckles, sometimes metal buckles, are used.

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PITY THE POOR BACHELOR

He's a Marked Man Just at Present,
Especially in France and Great Britain.

If single men continue to be singled out as victims of tax collectors and re-cruting sergeants, the great trinity of human rights will be changed to read: "Life, liberty and matrimony." For where can the bachelor find happiness in a world that marks his income as the first to be seized by a rapacious state, and his precious person as the first to be exposed to the enemy's bullets?

Never since the history of man began has the bachelor been the marked man he is today, the Brooklyn Eagle remarks. In England Premier Asquith's famous promise was given to the married men, the conscription bill exempts the married men, the state supports the wives and children of enlisted married men. In France the state supports not only the legally established wives, but those whom soldiers acknowledge as their "wives," the assumption being that the legal ceremony will follow when the war comes to an end. Thus even the man who promises to become married is favored by the state.

As for the taxes, the bachelor has long been the victim of his own discretion. Even Uncle Sam, who is ordinarily the least given to making invidious distinctions among his citizenry, grants the married man a \$4,000 exemption on his income tax. In Europe the discrimination against the bachelor is much more marked—so marked in fact that bachelorthood is more of a luxury than a limousine.

The Divvy.
How did Kid Jabb make out in his bout with Battling McPug?"
"Oh, the Kid got the gate and McPug got the gate receipts."

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Boston Evening Transcript.

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One reason—it's delicious nut-like flavor.

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But the big reason is—Grape-Nuts, besides having delicious taste, supplies all the rich nutriment of whole wheat and malted barley, including the "vital" mineral salts necessary for building brain, nerve and muscle.

Always ready to eat direct from the package, Grape-Nuts with cream or good milk is a well balanced ration—the utmost in sound nourishment.

"There's a Reason"—sold by Grocers.

CHARM IN MOBILE MOUTH

Point of Beauty Which All Women Should Do Their Very Utmost to Attain.

It is said by physiognomists the mouth is the feature which most truly expresses the character. Mouths have won more men for women than any other feature. A man when away may forget the glance of an eye, the shape of the face, but some expression of the mouth still remains with him permanently.

Many women who have no other good feature seem to be beautiful because the mouth is bewitchingly attractive, and tells of a soul that is big and fine. It is an easy matter for us to do for the mouth what nature did not do. Of course, we cannot change the marking of the mouth, but we can change the lines about it. No mouth, no matter how beautiful its contour, is attractive if it pulls down or remains immovable in tight, straight lines.

Do not bring the lips tightly together. That spoils the mouth, adds lines and wrinkles, and makes the face old. Always let the lips fall lightly together.

FRESHENING UP THE GOWN

New Collar-and-Cuffs Sets Are a Boon to the Woman Who is Forced to Economize.

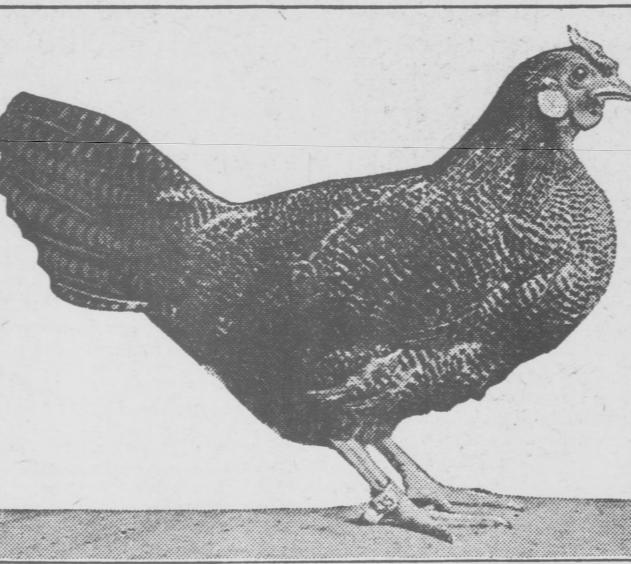
If a woman cannot afford a new suit this spring she can add to her old outfit a new collar-and-cuff set, which will give it at least one up-to-date feature. The leather sets are most attractive, and as they are inexpensive, the suggestion is not out of place. The sets can be had in almost every color—old blue, rich green, old rose, champagne, tan and white. The edges of the collar and the cuffs are scalloped.

In washable neckwear the large deep collars are among the leading models. Those women who were unable to follow the fashion of high collars will be relieved that the low and semilow necks have been revived. Collars of this type resemble the Puritan or sailor style. The materials used in the making of these are plain and sin-striped voile, fine sheer batiste,

Washable Spats

The expense of having white spats cleaned is becoming so great that we shall all welcome the advent of washable white leather spats. Also white ivory kid-skin boots are new. These cost \$10 and are of real ivory glove skin with light-weight welted soles, blind English eyelets, thong lacing and covered Louis XV heels.

SECURE FOUNDATION FOR POULTRY FARM



Madame Chic, Prize-Winning Golden Pencil Hamburg.

A poultry farm built on a secure foundation is sure to be successful if afterward properly managed. It is not only necessary to make the right kind of start, but the work must be regularly and faithfully performed, day in and day out.

As a rule, beginners start with great enthusiasm, and not a few build air castles, but to many of them the sameness of the work, the close application, the constant watching, soon become monotonous, and then there is a shirking of duty, neglect, carelessness—and the enterprise becomes a failure. The point is to begin small—measure the size of the initial step with the amount of capital and experience at hand.

It is often the case that men with more or less available capital practically put all their money in houses and stocks. This is a mistake, and more so in the case of those who have had no personal experience of the work.

In the parlance of today, "A man must be on to his job." He must know what to do and how best to do it. He must be aware that inexperience may cause leaks, and leaks will soon sink the enterprise.

It is a noteworthy fact that the most successful poultry farms of today are those that have started from a small beginning and gradually expanded as business and experience

of every part of the work is properly noted and correctly performed.

Eggs and poultry are staple crops, and the demand is far greater than the supply. This country needs more poultry farms, and they will be successful when properly built and managed. But the beginning must be small and the growth gradual, so that the battle—the other half naturally belongs to practical experience.

A man with \$1,000 had better invest one-half of it in buildings, stock and fixtures, and reserve the other half for feed and running expenses than invest the whole amount in the equipment and have to go in debt for the feed.

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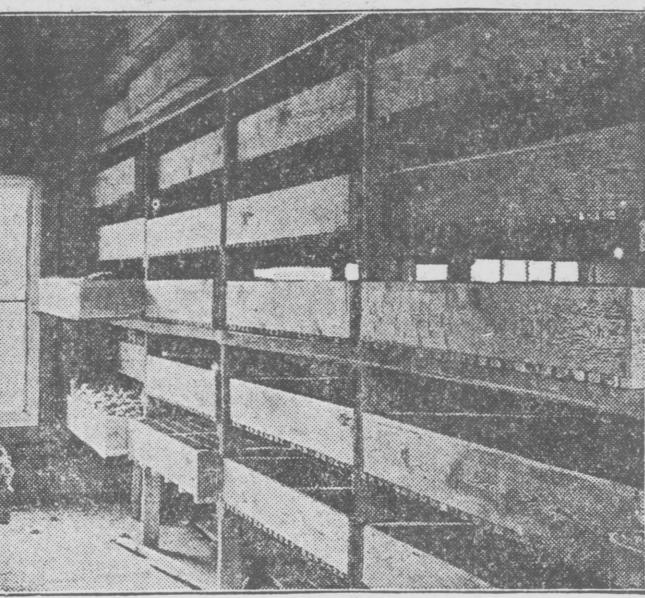
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FUTURE SUPPLY OF NORTHERN SEED CORN



Interior View of Seed Corn House.

From the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The frequent shortages of seed corn in the northern states are becoming more serious as the importance of the crop in this area increases. In 1903 the acreage of corn in the northern tier of states—New England, New York, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, and Washington—was 6,716,152 acres. Last year it was 11,121,000. If the industry is to continue to grow, special specialists in the department, more attention must be paid to the seed supply, and the attempt to grow varieties which require a long season in which to mature must be abandoned.

Varieties must be found or bred which will make a rapid growth and mature in the short period between the last killing spring frost and the first killing fall frost. When man aids nature by selecting and preserving

department may be able to assist farmers in obtaining seed from these sources. In this connection an appeal is made for every grower of northern seed corn, having good seed to sell, to furnish the office of corn investigations of the United States department of agriculture with his name, address, name of variety, price, and amount of seed for sale. A generous response will aid the department in relieving the present critical situation.

Surprising results have been obtained by the office of corn investigations with seed which was very immature when gathered. Even if your seed was in the "soft dough" stage when gathered last fall, if it was promptly dried and well cared for, it will germinate and reproduce well enough to make it preferable to southern seed.

Attention also is called to Farmers' Bulletin 415, entitled "Seed Corn," which treats the subject in more detail.

CRITICAL TIME FOR A COLONY OF BEES

Owner Should See That There Is Abundant Supply of Honey—Feed Sugar Syrup Warm.

(By WESLEY FOSTER, State Bee Inspector, Boulder, Colo.)

Colonies of bees with good queens are now breeding up rapidly, and consequently are using large amounts of stores. Often the best and strongest colonies run short of honey first. The spring of the year is the critical time for a colony of bees. The owner should see to it that every colony has an abundance of honey for its needs.

Combs of sealed honey may be taken from colonies that can spare them, or feeding of sugar syrup may be done. The giving of combs of sealed honey is recommended if there is little or no disease in the apiary, otherwise, sugar syrup should be fed. Sugar syrup should be fed warm and otherwise half or two-thirds water. See that the sugar is thoroughly dissolved. Feeding should be done in the evening so the bees will have all the syrup taken up by morning.

TAKE SALTS TO FLUSH KIDNEYS IF BACK HURTS

(By F. F. M'KINNEY, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins, Colo.)

Put plenty of well rotted manure on the garden.

Order the garden seeds early, from a reliable seed house.

Begin to make plans for the hotbed.

Repair the hoes, cultivators, etc., so as to be ready when the rush comes.

Tomatoes started in hotbeds will bear fruit long before those which are started in the garden.

Take samples of all the different kinds of seed and test them.

Examine the hose and nozzles on the spray outfit.

White heliobore should be fresh to be of value as an insecticide.

Use crop rotation in the garden to prevent the attack of diseases which winter in the soil.

FRESH WATER FOR DUCKS.

Whether yarded or on range, ducks must never be without fresh water, and it should be deep enough in the drinking vessel for them to immerse the entire head. Otherwise their eyes will get sore and their nostrils plugged up with the mash food. This condition will cause death in a few days unless relieved.

BEST RATION FOR DUCKS.

Unless the ducks can have free range they require beef scrap or other form of animal food at the rate of eight or ten per cent of the mash fed. It is an uneconomical practice to feed ducks unground grain, and for young ducks it is dangerous as well.

PREPARE FOR CHOLERA OUTBREAK.

If there is hog cholera in your community, get your hogs vaccinated, then shoot pigeons, magpies, stray dogs, and don't go near a ranch where there is cholera.

SPREAD THE MANURE.

Haul the manure out on your corn land or pasture.

DON'T LET POTATOES SPROUT.

The seed potatoes should not be allowed to sprout.

OVERHAUL THE MACHINERY.

Go over your machinery, and see that all missing parts are supplied and repaired mae.

SOME WESTERN CANADA GRAIN REPORTS

In its issue of February 24th, 1916, the Wadsworth (Minn.) Pioneer Journal has the following

Oats
115 Bushels
Per Acre.

his subscription to his home paper: "The times we are having up here are very good in spite of the war. I have had very good crops this fall and we are having very good markets for it all. Wheat went from 30 to 60 bu. to the acre, oats from 50 to 100 bu. to the acre. I had an 115-acre field of oats which yielded me 115 bu. per acre by machine measure, so I think this is a pretty prosperous country. I have purchased another quarter section, which makes me now the owner of three-quarters of a section of land. The weather was very nice this fall up to Christmas, then we had quite severe weather, but at the present time it is very nice again."

"I lived many years in Alberta; filed a homestead in the Edmonton district;

own property in several parts of Alberta. I found it one of the best countries I ever saw; its banking system is better than that of the United States; one quarter section I own, with about \$4,000.00 worth of improvements, pays \$18.00 a year taxes. All tax is on the land; implements and personal items are not taxed. I was secretary-treasurer of Aspelund school district for two years. My duties were to assess all the land in the district, collect the tax, expend it (\$1,000.00 a year), hire a teacher, etc., for the sum of \$25.00 a year. Some economy, eh!"

"All school and road taxes are expended in the districts where they are collected. There are no other taxes. Land titles are guaranteed by the government and an abstract costs fifty cents. Half of the population of Alberta are Americans or from Eastern Canada. (sgd.) WILL TRUCKENMILLER." Advertisement.

Doubtful Optimist.

"Are you an optimist?" "Yes. I think the world is getting better every day, although I must admit it looks like an exceedingly painful convalescence."

FOR ITCHING SCALP

And Falling Hair Use Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Trial Free.

When the scalp is itching because of dandruff and eczema a shampoo with Cuticura Soap and hot water will be found thoroughly cleansing and soothing, especially if shampoo is preceded by a gentle application of Cuticura Ointment to the scalp skin.

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CITY WITHOUT PRIVATE HOUSES.

In one respect—not point so flattering to metropolitan complacency—New York is unique among great cities: Manhattan is a city without private houses. In the last fifteen years few private dwellings have been built, except those of millionaires. In that same period thousands of the old brown stone fronts of a previous generation have been dismantled to make way for tenements and apartments.

Forty years the city has been undergoing a process of "tenementization." New York is a city almost exclusively of tenements and apartments—that is its most striking architectural and social characteristic.

BUTTER ALWAYS IN DEMAND

No Reason Why Farmer Should Not Compete With Creameries—Some Business Ability Needed.

There is plenty of room today for the private dairyman who wants to market his cream in the form of butter. Because the creameries have nearly monopolized the retail city trade is no reason why butter made on the farm should not compete successfully with the best of the creamery butter. This class of butter, which is made from but one herd of well-bred cows and from separated sweet milk, should form one of the most delicious articles of food, and can always command fancy prices when it reaches the right people. It requires some business ability to work up a select trade for any home product, yet it is not at all difficult to create a demand for a certain brand of butter among those who know a good article when they see or taste it, and are willing to pay a little extra for what suits them.

DAIRY NOTES

Fresh air for cows, but no exposure to bad weather.

Corn silage, in the frozen stage, should not be fed to dairy cows.

The greatest contamination of the milk flow occurs at the time of milking.

Milking the cow clean will develop her udder and help to increase her milk capacity.

It never pays to kill the heifer calves from the best cows. Raise them to replace the poor cows.

Milk must be promptly cooled and kept cold. The growth of germs is checked by cold.

Too much cannot be said about the way in which cows are treated in the stable. Kindness must prevail.

Frequent attention to distribution of the cows' bedding is just as important as to a large amount of it.

No two cows can be fed just alike and still be fed to the best advantage.

Every unkind treatment to the cow poisons the milk—even talking unkindly to her.

You cannot feed straw to the dairy herd and hope to be paid back in butterfat.

You can find prosperous dairy farmers in every locality. There are neighbors who don't make the cows pay. It's in the man—not in the soil.

The trouble with hitting the bottle is that it's apt to strike back.

DAIRY RATION FOR DAIRY COWS

High Protein Concentrates Other Than Corn Must Supplement Roughage—Oats Are Favored.

With fodder alone as roughage cows must have some high protein concentrates and they must be other than corn products. If the oats are worth less than middlings, it will be well to make them a part of the ration. Rye is as harmless as any other grain to a pregnant animal when not affected by ergot. If it is worth no more per pound than corn it may well be used in part. Cottonseed meal at the present time is a much cheaper source of protein than linseed meal, and with oats and rye or a wheat product in the ration also it may be used to supply the deficit of protein. However, if any cows appear to need a more laxative ration, better substitute linseed, at least in part, for the cottonseed meal.

It matters little to the cow whether the corn is shelled before being ground, or even whether it is ground, so long as the cobs are soft enough to enable her to eat them readily.

But to compound a ration from the list submitted: Using the corn in the form of meal and grinding both oats and rye, use one part by weight of each of these and two of cottonseed meal.

SOLIDS CONTAINED IN MILK

According to Best Authorities Fat Casein, Sugar, Albumen and Ash Will Vary Somewhat.

The accompanying diagram shows that about 87 per cent of milk is water. Held in suspension therein is what is collectively known as solids. These are fat, casein, sugar, albumen and ash. It is generally understood that these milk solids vary more or less and it is impossible to make an accurate statement of the percentages.

Prying Cow Storms Trench.

Thor Skoglund may work with a scorpion when he is digging hereafter.

He was plying pick and shovel in an excavation at Thirty-fifth and Lyndale avenues N., when a large object lurched to the edge of the hole and dropped in.

It was a cow.

She stuck so tight that it took two fire companies to hoist her out and release the workman.

Skoglund resumed his labors.—Minneapolis Journal.

The Remedy.

"Would you like some tonic on your hair?" asked the barber. "I've got something here that will positively stop it from coming out."

"I don't believe it," said the man in the chair. "The only thing that will stop my hair from coming out is a divorce."

IMPORTANT TO M

ODESSA

Mrs. M. M. Davis was the guest of Wilmington relatives last Sunday.

Arthur Foraker, who has been seriously ill for some time, is able to be out again.

Howard Morris and son Karl were visitors in Philadelphia and Chester this week.

Charles Bush and wife, of Wilmington, visited G. L. Townsend and family on Sunday.

Mrs. William B. Hall, of Middletown, spent Sunday with her father William P. Rhein.

Miss Margaret McCoy and Mrs. William McCoy were visitors in Wilmington last week.

Miss Isabella Smith spent several days of last week with relatives in Middletown.

Mrs. M. E. Harvey, of Burrisville, Md., and Mrs. Randolph Harvey, of Philadelphia, were guests of Leven James and wife last week.

Epworth League Devotional service on Sunday evening, at 6:45 o'clock. Topic, "Outgrowing Home Religion". Leader, Mrs. Joseph Heller. Everybody welcome.

Rev. J. Howard Gray, of Wilmington, will preach in St. Paul's M. E. Church, of Odessa, next Sunday, both morning and evening. Rev. Mr. Gray is a former pastor, of Odessa. Public cordially invited to both services.

WARWICK

Miss Eula Vinyard and Amos and Dan Wilson are on the sick list.

The Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. E. F. Bishop, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Jones, moved from Middletown to Warwick, on Saturday.

Mrs. William Johns spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Clay, near Bethel.

Preaching Sunday morning at 10:30 A. M. Christian Endeavor at 7 P. M.

Mrs. P. F. Johns is visiting her sister Mrs. William Deshane, near Middletown.

Miss Agnes Merritt spent Sunday with her grandmother Mrs. E. F. Bishop, near town.

Mrs. A. R. Merritt and children spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister Mrs. Uriel Gim.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wilson and Mrs. R. B. Merritt and daughter Miss Mame, attended the funeral of their aunt Mrs. Thomas Wilson, near Rising Sun, Md., on Saturday.

Mr. A. R. Merritt motored to Philadelphia, on Saturday last, bringing his brother, J. Wilson Merritt, home with him on Sunday. Mr. Merritt had been a patient in Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, for the past eight months. His many friends are glad to hear his return.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF 1916

The third session of the Summer School at Delaware College will open on Monday, June 26, and continue until Friday, August 4, inclusive. The first day of the session will be devoted to registration. Recitations and lecture in each subject will be held every weekday except Saturday. Each course will consist of twenty-nine weeks or their equivalent. Examinations will be held at the close of the courses. All the resources of Delaware College and The Women's College of Delaware essential to the proper conduct of the courses offered in the Summer School are placed with certain necessary restrictions at the disposal of the students. These resources include, academic building, general library, laboratories, gymnasium and athletic fields.

The courses offered in the Summer School are designed to meet the needs of teachers. Elementary instruction in the fundamental school subjects, including methods of teaching, will be given to teachers of the lower grades. More advanced work will be given to teachers of higher grades.

Good-Bye Dollar

Every dollar you send out of town flies away with a value that rightfully belongs to your community. Spend it at home with your home merchant where its value stays with you and helps build up your interests. When you come to think of it, there are only two kinds of dollars—the dollar with "wing", and the "Development Dollar". The dollar with "wings" goes to build up the far distant city, the big metropolis, with its vice and crime and low wages and poverty. The "Development Dollar" goes to build up the Home Town. It helps build up a nation of real men and women. Then let us make the dollars we spend "Development Dollars", Home Town builders, buildings for us and our neighbors and our children, making our community more prosperous, more happy and more contented.

TOWNSEND

Mr. Spy was an over Sunday visitor of Mrs. William Spy.

Master Walter Lee, who has been ill for the past two months, is out again.

The contractor, Mr. Culp, has about completed the High School building.

Miss Estelle VanDyke is the guest of Mrs. John R. Carpenter, near Middletown, the past week.

Mr. Edward Reynolds is improving his lot on Main street, with the intention of soon building there.

Mr. George Shockley has moved his family to Wilmington, and Mr. Thornton of Odessa, occupied the vacancy.

Mrs. Virginia Hayden, of Wilmington, visited her son Gilbert Hayden and family several days of the past week.

Worth Careful Thought

Do you read the label to know whether your baking powder is made from cream of tartar or, on the other hand, from alum or phosphate?

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GRACE MARSHALL BETTER

Grace Marshall, the Easton girl who was kept a prisoner in her room for many years, and who was later taken to the Phipps Clinic of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, for mental treatment, and physical treatment, has just lately given some faint signs of mental improvement.

The change from her former condition of almost complete mental blank is very slight, her doctor says, but it is enough to indicate that the treatment is taking hold slightly and stimulating her mind. She can now say a few words and seems to have a few coherent thoughts that she tries hard to express in words.

From a condition of terrible emaciation she has now become almost normal physically. She has gained about thirty pounds in weight and eats and sleeps regularly. It is believed that years of treatment will be necessary to restore her mind and sometimes her physicians think that she may never be able to leave the care of some physician.

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FOR SALE—Wagons and Dearborns. J. C. GREEN.

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DEATH LAID TO BAD HABITS

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Dietitians commenting on modern recklessness in eating, quote the remark of Seneca the Roman philosopher, "Man does not die, he kills himself." Originally made to live 1,000 years, man has fallen to an average of only one-third of a century.

It has taken 6,000 years, the authorities tell us, to develop a race that will live, by hook or by crook, as long as thirty-three years, which is given as the present-day average. The blame is placed upon our disregard of plain honesty in living.

We scorn everything natural and surrender to artificial gratifications and indulgence that tend to ruin the natural health of the body. Our diet cannot be trusted to do the common sense obvious thing.

It is pointed out that animals live longer on natural food than on man's mixture. A sick horse turned out to pasture will get well, and if fed on bran, oats and other food prescribed by man he dies.

Why the Windmill Went.

Everything in the dear old village seemed the same to Jones after his absence of four years. The old church, the village pump, the ducks on the green, the old men smoking while their wives gossip—it was so restful after the rush and bustle of the city. Suddenly he missed something "Where's Hodge's windmill?" he asked in surprise. "I can only see one mill and there used to be two." The native gazed thoughtfully round, as if to verify the statement. Then he said slowly: "They pulled one down. There weren't enough wind for two on 'em!"

Another nice thing about bumper corn crop is that the money ought to come in about the same time as the new touring car models.

It is hoped the French soldiers, whose pay has been increased a cent a day, will not celebrate by bacchanalian orgies.

What has become of the old-fashioned 42-centimeter gun, which used to be one of the Krupp's best shellers?

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The Transcript \$1.00

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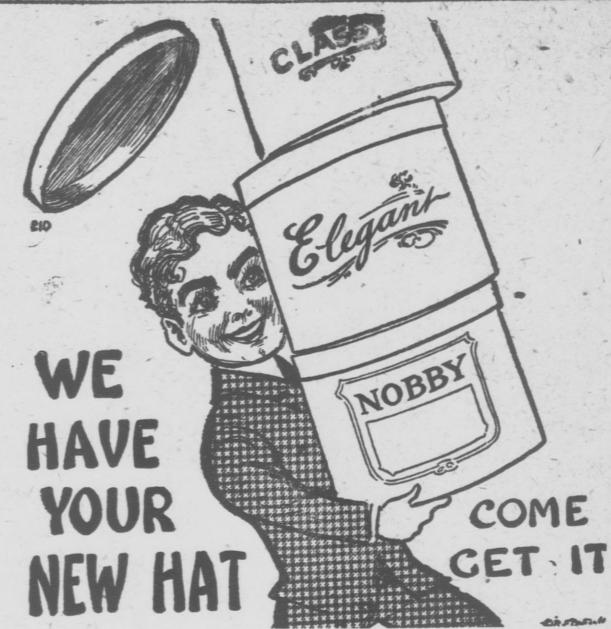
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Issued March 16, 1916.

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